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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PRESS SUMMARY

1. HIGHLIGHTS. TUESDAY MORNING PAPERS FEATURE WILSON IS PRIME MINISTER AS HEATH FAILS TO WIN LIBERAL SUPPORT; ALSO FRONTPAGE MRS. MEIR AGREE TO FORM COALITION. HEARINGS BY JUDGE SIRICA ON WHAT TO DO WITH GRAND JURY'S SECRET REPORTS ARE SET FOR WEDNESDAY; MITCHELL MISTRIAL MOTION IN NEW YORK IS REJECTED BY JUDGE.

1A. NYTIMES FRONTPAGES EUROPE'S NINE OFFER ARABS A BROAD COOPERATION PLAN. INSIDE POST STORY REPORTS KISSINGER HAS NO COMMENT; MEETS ALLIES. INSIDE TIMES HAS US ENVOY IN MOSCOW SIGNALS DIPLOMATIC CHANGE; FLORA LEWIS HAS KISSINGER MOVES TO PLACATE ALLIES. POST INSIDE HAS 220 IN HOUSE BACK HALT ON SOVIET LOANS; ALSO SHULTZ BACKS RETALIATION FOR RAW MATERIAL CURBS; NIXON TO MEET HUSSEIN NEXT WEEKEND.

1B. POST ALSO HAS JAKARTA AP, PAGE 18, HEADED US DEFENDS INDIAN OCEAN BASE, AP REPORTING DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH DEFENDED BRITISH-AMERICAN PLANS FOR INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL BASE, UNCLASSIFIED

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DECLARING REGION SHOULD NOT BE LEFT FOR SOVIET NAVY TO

MONOPOLIZE, SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN AFTER MEETINGS WITH SUHARTO MALIK. AP SAYS AMERICAN DIPLOMAT DECLARED: I DO NOT THINK THAT THE INDIAN OCEAN SHOULD BE A ONE-POWER OCEAN; WE DO NOT THINK THE INDIAN OCEAN IS WHERE ONLY THE RUSSIAN PRESENCE

EXISTS. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR STORY HAS RUSH PHOTO, ALSO ADDS INDONESIAN OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED REGRET AT BRITAIN'S AGREEMENT FOR AN AMERICAN BASE ON THE ISLAND.

2. KISSINGER. NYTIMES PARIS LEWIS REPORTS KISSINGER MET WITH EUROPE'S SENIOR DIPLOMATS IN BRUSSELS YESTERDAY, A GESTURE LEWIS SAYS SHOWS HE HAS ACCEPTED LONG-STANDING COMPLAINTS ABOUT AMERICA'S FAILURE TO CONSULT WITH EUROPE IN LAST FIVE TURBULENT YEARS. US AMBASSADORS' REPORT ON EUROPEAN ATTITUDES, GRIEVANCES AND INTENTIONS AT KISSINGER'S REQUEST AFTER ENERGY CONFERENCE LAST MONTH WAS TAKEN AS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT WASHINGTON HAD PROBABLY NOT BEEN PAYING ENOUGH ATTENTION TO EUROPEANS TO HANDLE ATLANTIC RELATIONS SMOOTHLY. EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS, SAYS LEWIS, TEND TO BE LAVISH WITH PRAISE WHEN THEY HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH KISSINGER, BUT WHEN THEY FEEL NEGLECTED, WHICH IS OFTEN, THEY ARE HARSH; ALSO WHEN THEY GET TOGETHER EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS NOTICE THAT KISSINGER HAS TOLD THEM NOTICEABLY DIFFERENT STORIES.

2A. NYTIMES BRUSSELS WHITNEY REPORTS NINE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES MADE JOINT OFFER OF LONG-TERM ECONOMIC TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION TO ARAB WORLD YESTERDAY. OFFER ANNOUNCED AS KISSINGER ARRIVED FROM WEST GERMANY TO BRIEF NATO REPRESENTATIVES ON PEACE EFFORTS IN MIDDLE EAST. KISSINGER LEFT FOR WASHINGTON AFTER BEING INFORMED IN DETAIL OF COMMON MARKET OFFER. TIMES INSERTS AP REPORT THAT KISSINGER SAID US DOES NOT CLAIM VETO ON EUROPEANS' RELATIONS WITH ARAB NATIONS ALTHOUGH IT DOES OPPOSE SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS ON OIL. ACCORDING WHITNEY FOREIGN MINISTERS OF EEC WHO MADE OFFER TO ARAB WORLD TOOK PAINS TO EMPHASIZE TO BOTH KISSINGER AND PRESS THAT THEIR INITIATIVE WAS NOT ONE FOR OIL. THE INITIATIVE SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY OF CONFERENCE OF NINE EUROPEAN AND 20 ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS, BUT APPARENTLY NOT SOON. SCHEEL STRESSED PROPOSAL WAS NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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INTENDED TO INTERFERE WITH KISSINGER'S CURRENT EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT TROOP SEPARATION TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA NOR WITH FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE OF OIL-CONSUMING COUNTRIES. KISSINGER WAS BRIEFED BY SCHEEL AND REPORTED TO HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT PLAN. NEITHER KISSINGER NOR SCHEEL WOULD SAY WHAT US REACTION HAD BEEN. THIS LED TO SPECULATION, SAYS WHITNEY, THAT IT HAD BEEN SHARP AND UNFRIENDLY. KISSINGER ALSO CAME TO BRUSSELS TO DISCUSS STATUS OF TWO

DECLARATIONS BETWEEN EUROPE AND US. SECRETARY SAID HE WAS QUITE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT NATO PAPER ON SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS, AND SCHEEL SAID US REPS WOULD VISIT BONN TO LOOK OVER AND POSSIBLY ACCEPT LATEST COMMON MARKET DRAFT IN MID-MARCH.

2B. WASHPOST RANDAL BRUSSELS REPORTS KISSINGER'S UNENTHUSIASTIC GOING-ALONG WITH FRENCH-SPONSORED SCHEME APPARENTLY REFLECTED LONG-HELD BUT NEVER PUBLICLY-STATED VIEW THAT PLAN FOR EUROPEAN-ARAB CONFERENCE COULD ONLY COMPLICATE US PEACE EFFORTS IN MIDDLE EAST AND DISCOURAGE ARAB OIL PRODUCERS FROM LOWERING PRICES. LEFT UNSAID WAS APPARENT TACIT AGREEMENT FOR US TO REFRAIN FROM CRITICIZING COMMON MARKET DECISION IN PUBLIC IN RETURN FOR EUROPEAN WILLINGNESS NOT TO COMPROMISE KISSINGER'S MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BY PUSHING AHEAD WITH OWN SCHEME.

2C. WASHPOST BRUSSELS UPI REPORTS KISSINGER AT NEWS CONFERENCE SAID THERE WAS TENTATIVE PLAN FOR NIXON TRIP TO EUROPE AND THAT IF TWO DECLARATIONS BEING DRAWN UP ARE SATISFACTORY THE PRESENT WILL COME TO SIGN THEM. POST ADDS UPI NEW DELHI REPORTING MOYNIHAN SAID KISSINGER IS EXPECTED TO VISIT INDIA NEXT MONTH FOR TALKS WITH INDIRA GANDHI, VISIT BEING INDICATION OF DEEP CONCERN US HAD FOR IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH INDIA, HE ADDED.

3. RUSSIAN RELATIONS. NYTIMES HEDRICK SMITH MOSCOW REPORTS NEW US AMBASSADOR STOESEL CONVEYED A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT THAT NOTHING WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN A SALT AGREEMENT AND NO EFFORT WOULD BE SPARED TO ACHIEVE THAT OBJECTIVE. REPORTEDLY, STOESEL'S WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH KISSINGER  
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